

300 in NATO Called Red Spies

ROME (AP) — An Italian parachutist reportedly has told authorities that 300 employees of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization were involved in a Soviet spy ring being established at every NATO base in Europe.

Those involved were said to be civilians and military personnel from a number of nations, including the United States.

The civilian parachutist, Giorgio Rinaldi, and his wife, Angela Maria, were questioned for

more than three hours in Turin yesterday by a deputy state attorney, Guido Netti-Modona. They were formally charged earlier in the day with spying for the Soviet Union.

A source present at the questioning said authorities were believed to have arrested suspects in Greece, Cyprus, Switzerland and Spain.

Netti-Modona and an Italian defense ministry spokesman declined to comment.

The informant said the espionage organization focused on NATO bases mostly in southern Europe and the Mediterranean. He said it was not believed to have been far along in development.

The source said Rinaldi listed cover names for several NATO officers and "a number of real names" of persons involved.

A radio receiver and communication equipment were found in

the Rinaldis' possession, police said.

Yuri Pavlenko, a Soviet Embassy attache said to have been a member of the spy network, left for Moscow yesterday. There were unconfirmed reports he had been expelled by Italian authorities. With him were his wife and 6-year-old son.

Investigators said they caught Pavlenko with papers and microfilms at a rural letter drop near Rome Monday.

Police said another Russian not listed as a Soviet Embassy staff member was also implicated. He was identified as Yuri Goudar and his whereabouts were not known.